GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Higher Education – Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) - Authorization of the Joint Signatory authority towards clearing statutory pending payments in RUSA 1.0 & RUSA 2.0 – Orders - Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION [CE] DEPARTMENT

GO Ms No.52 **Dated:21.08.2023**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.46, Higher Education (UE) Dept., dated: 30.08.2014.
2. G.O.Ms.No.53, Higher Education (TE) Dept., dated: 28.11.2019.
3. G.O.Ms.No.85, Higher Education (CE) Dept., dated: 03.06.2021.
4. Govt. Letter No.993863/CE/A1/2020, Higher Education Dept., Dt.27.06.2023.
5. From the SPD, RUSA, A.P., e-file bearing Comp. No:2445891.
6. From the SPD, RUSA, A.P., Lr.No.07/SPD/RUSA/AO/2015, dt:19.08.2023

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ORDER:

In the G.O. first read above it has been ordered that the RUSA bank account will jointly be operated by the "Nodal Officer" of RUSA and "State Project Director" of RUSA strictly as per RUSA guidelines. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Vice-Chairman-I, APSCHE has been nominated as the Nodal Officer and Joint Signatory for RUSA. In the G.O. 3rd read above, Govt., have appointed the Commissioner, Collegiate Education in full additional charge of the post of State Project Director, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) until further orders. Further, vide letter 4th read above Government have issued certain clarifications in the matter and directed the Chairman, APSCHE; the Nodal Officer, RUSA (Vice-Chairman-I, APSCHE) and the State Project Director, RUSA to take action immediately to streamline the things in the matter.

2. In the reference 5th read above, the State Project Director, RUSA, A.P has informed that in accordance with the Government letter 4th cited, files were taken to the Nodal Officer-RUSA for perusal and to give concurrence for the issue of letter to bank authorities for setting expenditure limit to the institution Zero balance account (ZBA) from RUSA Single Nodal Agency Account (SNA) through PFMS; that the Nodal Officer, RUSA has refused to look after the matters related to RUSA 1.0 and RUSA 2.0 when AO and TSG team have taken files for obtaining signature and he further stated that the same was resolved in SHEC meeting held on 23-07- 2023 that APSCHE will involve only in new phase of RUSA (PM-UHSA).

3. Further, in the letter 6th read above, the State Project Director, RUSA, A.P has stated that as per the RUSA guidelines, the Joint Signatory system should be followed in case of payments through Banks but not specified the details of the Joint Signatories. Therefore, it is necessary that Joint Signatories should be specified for the operation of SNA as to make payments for the works taken up under RUSA; that the post of Chief Accounts Officer O/o Commissioner of Collegiate Education in the cadre of Deputy Director is being appointed from the Department of Treasuries & Accounts on deputation as per Foreign Service terms and conditions. He has, therefore, requested the Government to change the Vice Chairman I, APSCHE hitherto designated by the Government as Joint Signatory and to designate Chief Accounts Officer, O/o the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education to act as Joint Signatory for the smooth operation of State Nodal Authority transactions.

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4. In the circumstances reported by the State Project Director, RUSA, A.P in the references 5th and 6th read above, and after careful examination of the matter, Government here by permit the State Project Director, RUSA, A.P to authorize the Chief Accounts Officer, O/o the Commissioner of Collegiate Education, A.P to act as Joint Signatory Authority towards clearing statutory pending payments in RUSA 1.0 & RUSA 2.0 schemes.

5. The State Project Director, RUSA, A.P shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J.SYAMALA RAO
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The State Project Director, RUSA, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
The Commissioner of Collegiate Education, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
The Chief Accounts Officer, O/o CCE, A.P Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
The Chairman, A.P.S.C.H.E, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
The Nodal Officer, RUSA & Vice-Chairman I, A.P.S.C.H.E, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
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SECTION OFFICER